

REMARKS

Independent Claims 1 and 18 have been amended to recite limitations associated with preferred embodiments as described in paragraph 0004 of the Specification as filed.

Summary

In light of the above amendment, consideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 500282.

Respectfully submitted,



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